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tain stated times during the year, there being comparatively few pilgrims at other times. This wholesale segregation before embarkation is carried out only in the case of pilgrims. The examinations are made by a considerable corps of trained workers.

The same indifferent attitude toward the escape of rats from the wharf on to steamers prevails here as has been reported to you by Passed Assistant Surgeon Sprague in Calcutta. I have been very carefully through the magnificent docks here—the Prince's Dock and the Victoria Dock (the former with an area of 30 acres and a quayage of 5,960 linear feet; the latter with an area of 24 acres and a quayage of 7,425 linear feet), and in no single case have I seen any appliance in use for the prevention of rats passing on board. The vessels are moored directly alongside the docks, and gangways are thrown on to the shore which can be found open constantly.

#### JAPAN.

##### *Reports from Yokohama—Sanitary conditions good.*

Assistant Surgeon Moore reports, January 1 and 8, as follows:

During the week ended December 26, 1903, one vessel having a personnel of 46 crew was inspected.

The prefectural office being closed at this season no official report of contagious diseases in Yokohama for the above period has been received. It is believed that the sanitary condition of Yokohama and Japan in general continues good.

During the week ended January 2, 1904, 4 vessels, having an aggregate personnel of 470 crew and 557 passengers, were inspected; 243 steerage and 19 crew were bathed and their clothing was disinfected. No official report of contagious diseases in Yokohama has been received for the above period, but it is believed that the sanitary condition of Yokohama and of Japan in general continues good.

##### *Immigrants for Honolulu and San Francisco recommended for rejection.*

Number of immigrants recommended for rejection on steamship *Korea*, for Honolulu, January 7, 1904, 4.

Number of immigrants recommended for rejection on steamship *Korea*, for San Francisco, January 7, 1904, 1.

#### MALTA.

##### *Quarantine against Alexandria and Damietta removed.*

Consul Grout reports, December 31, as follows: By order of the local government, quarantine restrictions which have hitherto been imposed against arrivals at that port from Alexandria and Damietta, Egypt, have been removed.

#### PANAMA.

##### *Reports from city of Panama—Unsanitary conditions—Yellow fever.*

Assistant Surgeon Pierce reports, January 18, as follows: The general health of the city of Panama, week ended January 16, 1904, is

good, considering the unsanitary condition of the place. Smallpox exists to some extent in the surrounding country, but no accurate statistics can be obtained. About forty cases of leprosy exist in Panama, and many cases of beri-beri and elephantiasis. Whooping cough is also mildly epidemic. There were 3 deaths from yellow fever in the city hospital, all in men who had come to Panama from interior points of Colombia.

One vessel cleared for the United States, going to San Francisco via Mexican ports, taking three weeks to make the voyage. Sixty-five officers and crew, 10 cabin passengers, and 15 steerage passengers were inspected and passed.

Week ended January 24:

During the week there were 25 deaths from all causes, 2 being from dysentery, 2 from beriberi, and 4 from tuberculosis:

No yellow fever or other quarantinable disease has been reported and no cases have occurred in the city or Canal Company hospitals.

One vessel cleared for San Francisco, the crew and passengers being inspected before departure. Officers and crew on board, 60; cabin passengers, 10; steerage passengers, 36.

#### PERSIA.

##### *Precautions against importation of cholera from Turkish Arabia.*

The following is received through the United States minister at Teheran, under date of December 29, 1903:

SIR: I beg to bring to your notice the report of an outbreak of cholera in Turkish Arabia, and to inform you that the Persian Government has prohibited the departure of pilgrims and the transport of dead bodies to the holy places in Turkish territory.

Quarantine stations will be established at Kasr-i-Shireen, Mohammerah, and other necessary points on the Turkish-Persian frontier, and the regulations usual under such circumstances will be carried out.

Travelers desirous of entering Persia from the infected area will be called upon to submit to the enforcement of the strict rules provided for the proper discharge of the duties at each station.

This intelligence is communicated for your excellency's information.

MUSHIR-ED-DOWLAH,  
*Minister for Foreign Affairs.*

Hon. RICHMOND PEARSON,  
*Minister of the United States.*

#### PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

##### *Report from Manila—Cholera and plague in Manila—Cholera in the provincial towns.*

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, December 17, as follows:  
The number of quarantinable diseases reported in Manila during the week ended December 12, 1903, is as follows:

	Cases.	Deaths.
Cholera .....	2	2
Plague .....	1	1